

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

March 04, 2020

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2020-66-G

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

2020-180

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

[DOCKET NO. 2020-66-G](#) - Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated for Authorization to Flow Through Alternative Fuel Tax Credits to CNG Retail Sales Customers - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated's Request for Approval of the Application for Authorization to Flow Through Alternative Fuel Tax Credits to CNG Retail Sales Customers.

COMMISSION ACTION:

The U.S. Congress recently extended a tax credit for all compressed natural gas sold at retail as an alternative motor vehicle fuel after December 31, 2017 through December 31, 2020. The amount of the extended tax credit is \$0.50 per gallon of gasoline equivalent.

Similar to the approval granted by Order No. 2016-235, Piedmont Natural Gas Company seeks to flow-through the Alternative Motor Vehicle Fuel Excise Tax Credit to its customers receiving compressed natural gas by a reduction in rates applicable to service under its Rate Schedule 242 and certain special contract fleet fueling agreements for the remainder of calendar year 2020.

Since Piedmont is the eligible taxpayer, the Company explains that the tax credit will simply reduce its federal tax obligation, instead of helping customers who are actually paying the alternative motor vehicle fuel excise tax, unless the Commission intercedes. Piedmont reasons that (i) compressed natural gas motor fuel sales are currently paid by Piedmont's compressed natural gas customers, and (ii) the credit is intended to encourage the use of compressed natural gas as an alternative motor vehicle fuel. The Company states that passing this credit to its customers will serve both of these purposes.

In order to effectuate this flow-through, Piedmont is proposing a temporary decrement in its rates under Rate Schedule 242 and for all retail sales of compressed natural gas for use as a motor vehicle fuel under special contract fleet fueling agreements from March 1, 2020.

The Office of Regulatory Staff supports the temporary decrement.

I move that we approve the flow-through of Alternative Fuel Tax Credits to Compressed Natural Gas retail sales customers of Piedmont Natural Gas Company through December 31, 2020. The flow-through will be implemented by a reduction in rates applicable to service under the Company's Rate Schedule 242 and certain special contract fleet fueling agreements. The Company shall file Rate Schedule 242 within ten (10) days of receipt of the Order.

PRESIDING: Randall

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
BELSER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	voting via telephone
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u> Family Sick Leave
HOWARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u> Military Leave

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

